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Failures.

People in trouble generally command sympathy. This is well. But since trouble is one of the bars which Providence has placed in the way of sin, it is not well to allow sympathy to defeat justice. There are two classes of bankrupts—the unfortunate and the rascally. The former deserve sympathy, consideration and assistance in the largest measure; the latter should be considered as and treated like what they are—sneak thieves. The general public do not clearly distinguish between these two classes, and allow the scoundrels who thrive on stealings from honest men to screen themselves from just scorn and contempt behind a misplaced compassion. There is scarcely a business man in this town who has not lost more or less hard-earned money through some swindling bankruptcy proceedings. It does not much assist the loser to bear his misfortune with equanimity, to see the thief going about with his head very much elevated, and occupying a high seat in the synagogue. When, as is not seldom the case, the thief happens to be a church-member, doing a great deal of preaching, much undeserved and some just reproach is brought upon the church.

Strong language this, some will say. Yes, thief, swindling scoundrel are pretty strong words to use in connection with some respectable citizens, but they fit the case exactly. It is a great pity we do not hear such words more frequently from the pulpit and in the prayer-meeting. If the wolves steal sheep's clothing and wear it, the sheep should not be held responsible; but certainly these bogus sheep should not be countenanced by the others. Why, to such an extent has public opinion been debauched that spending other people's money without their consent, which used to be called stealing, and brought disgrace if not other punishment, is now no bar to an excellent standing in church and state. How long is this to go on without vigorous and outspoken opposition? Some persons will be offended, doubtless. The wolves will howl and be thereby detected. The sheep, who by too close association with evil have had their morals corrupted, will listen to reproof, and repudiate in no uncertain manner the wolfish traits which they had perhaps unconsciously absorbed.

Widening Broad Street.

The Township Committee at their meeting on May 7th, unanimously decided to notify property holders on Broad street, between Belleville avenue and Bay avenue, to set back their fences so that Broad street shall be straightened and have a uniform width of sixty feet, as laid out by the Commissioners in 1872.

We know of no improvement suggested in the last few years which will prove a greater benefit to the town at large than this. Broad street within the village, is a beautiful avenue, lined with stately elms, adorned by the Park and by handsome residences. If now the street shall be widened and straightened we can see no reason why the portion of it above Belleville avenue should not soon become built up as rapidly as any other part of the town.

Another reason why we heartily approve this measure is that it starts the current of improvement towards Brookdale. Where appropriations have been asked for gas, water, sidewalks and parks, it has been urged that the property to be thus benefited was all down near the Centre; while the expense must be shared by the taxpayers of the north end of the township, who would receive little immediate advantage. That there was a measure of truth in this suggestion could not be denied; but since the law requires that money raised for these purposes shall be assessed upon the whole town, there was no other course to be pursued.

It is only just to our Brookdale friends to say that they submitted with good grace, and admitted that the growth of the town ought not to be impeded, and they are hoping that the general prosperity will ultimately benefit them.

With Broad street widened to Bay avenue it cannot be long before this main thor-

oughfare to Passaic county shall be opened for its full width to the County line, and then the high ground between Bay avenue and Brookdale will afford delightful building sites for people who can afford to keep horses and will enjoy a ride of one or two miles to the trains.

There is a practical way by which the apparent injustice of taxing the north end of the township for gas and water, etc., can be remedied. The introduction of these conveniences has undoubtedly increased the value of building lots within the village, and must for a short time at least, retard the sale of lots not so favorably located. In view of this fact we think it would be entirely fair that the assessed valuations of farm lands at Brookdale should be somewhat reduced this year, and that the amount thus taken off from them should be made up by increasing the valuations of vacant lots at or near the Centre which have received the full benefit of all the improvements thus far obtained. If this course is pursued the north end can pay its share of money for local purposes without any material increase in the amount of tax paid by the several property holders, and their objections to paying for benefits which they do not share will be removed.

Drainage.

When Master Patrick McCarthy applied to the Judge for an order restraining his neighbor from turning the water upon his property, to the serious detriment of his hens roosting in the cellar, the wearer of the ermine referred him to the Mayor. Patrick remarked that he had already applied to him, and been sent to the Board of Public Works. "And what advice did you receive?" said the Judge. "They told me," said Pat, "to get rid of my hens and keep ducks." Equally satisfactory are most of the replies to those who complain of an excess of water upon the premises.

The problem is not easy of solution. Avenues laid out at great expense, with the aid of trained engineers, have not only not relieved the difficulty, but actually increased it. In the case of our County roads, not only are the lands along the line undrained, but in some places the water has been turned upon private property or left to soak away in the street. In the outskirts of cities like Brooklyn and Newark, large tracts of land are seen hemmed in on the four sides by streets forming a basin for large quantities of stagnant water. Underground sewerage will to some extent overcome the difficulty, but for villages its expense makes it unpracticable. The most that can be done is to provide drains to carry the wastes of the kitchen, with as little water as will suffice to flush the pipes.

For the streets surface grades must be established of such a character as to prevent the collection of water, and to cause its delivery into one or other of the natural streams.

Fortunately for us, there is in this no serious difficulty. The number of our natural streams, the porous character of the subsoil and the regular slopes of the land are favorable to our purpose. The drainage of the older streets has already been accomplished; the laying out of new ones can generally be provided for without great expense.

When we come to the adjoining property, the solution is not so easy. In the flat plain, where the larger portion of the population is gathered, at the foot of the hills, where the depression is greater than at the street beyond, floods of water collect in winter and early spring to the serious detriment of the householders in the immediate vicinity. What shall they do? Appeal to the town authorities? Their hands are already full with the streets, sidewalks, gas, water, parks, and no end of business, which they cannot neglect. Besides this, why should the town bear the expense of draining private property? Are there not some things which can well be left to individual effort?

We have in mind a property upon which large quantities of water collected in the winter months, whose owner spent several hundred dollars in ditching and draining without the aid of a cent of public money, or application to any public officer.

The underground drain was carried to a natural stream, the property was raised to the level of the road, and the problem was solved. It is the only solution. Let it once be distinctly understood that public moneys cannot be used for this purpose, and private enterprise will furnish the means to secure the drainage of all property that is worth the expenditure.

Application to the Department of Public Works, the Board of Health, or other public authority, like the young man's call on Dad, simply means that nothing will be done until this fountain is dry.

Don't keep "ducks," but fill and tilt your property and your neighbor will soon be glad to look after his.

We have received an invitation to attend the anniversary exercises of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute at Hampton, Va., on the 22d inst. Those of our readers who met Gen. Armstrong last fall, or enjoyed the opportunity of listening to his address on the work of that institution, and also to the address of its chaplain, Rev. H. B. Frissell, will feel an interest in its prosperity.

"What is laughter?" asks a scientist. It is the sound that you hear when your hat blows off.

The Silk Industry.

The Bureau of Statistics of the State of New Jersey has published in its Blue Book a very full account of silk culture. On the 2d of the present month Messrs. Strawbridge & Clothier, of Philadelphia, awarded prizes to those who competed from twenty different States. There were seventy-seven entries, and the premiums amounted to \$300. The basis in each case was the silk reeled from 100 cocoons, and the contestants were judged both by the quantity and the quality of the product. The prizes were as follows:

First (\$100), went to Miss E. Woolston, of Pemberton, N. J.
Second (\$75), Messrs. Rienze & Mantz, San Jose, Cal.
Third (\$65), Mrs. A. H. Williams, River-ton, N. J.
Fourth (\$60), Miss Anna M. Mantz, San Jose, Cal.
Fifth (\$50), Miss Clara S. Lewis, Virgil City, Mo.
Sixth (\$50), Mrs. George Derr, German-ton, Phila.
Seventh (\$40), Mrs. W. Hayes, Chester, Pa.
Eighth (\$30), Mrs. Angostiria, Phila.
Ninth (\$25), Mrs. Anna Husted, Liberty, Indiana.
Tenth (\$10), Miss M. B. Lowery, Portsmouth, Ohio.

The leaves of the white mulberry and of the Osage orange were used, but the best result was obtained from the mulberry. We have received this list of premiums from the Women's Silk Culture Association, 1328 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. This organization pays no salaries and makes no profits, but is simply a benevolent society which is devoting itself to the permanent establishment of silk culture as an industry in the United States. The Blue Book before us gives the full statistics of our own State. It is notable that the highest prize of the list printed above was taken by a New Jersey lady, and that another only yielded to the successful competition of professionals. The full particulars of the culture are given in the Blue Book which, we suppose, can be had from Mr. James Bishop, Chief of the Department of Statistics, Trenton, N. J.

If any word of ours will encourage this industry in Bloomfield, we will gladly say it, and if our readers are sufficiently interested in the matter to request it, we will publish anything that may enlighten them further, always remembering that the association is the party to furnish explicit and exact details. A newspaper can only deal generally with such a subject.

Words of Praise.

We extend our thanks to the writers of the following letters. Of criticism and fault-finding we have a plenty. It is gratifying to know that the majority of our readers are pleased with the paper; it is doubly so to occasionally be told of it as below.

To the Bloomfield Citizen:
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Permit the writer to avail himself of this opportunity to congratulate your editorial management upon the rare good sense and mainly fairness which mark the treatment of public affairs in your paper. May the same spirit westward take its way, for bigotry is never more distinctly an offence than when coupled with measures of reform.

Yours truly,
S. W. T.

MONTCLAIR, May 8th.

To The Citizen:

I take pleasure in adding my word of praise to that of others who have found in your columns all that is profitable, interesting and spicy. It has come to us laden with news both of a local and general character, and we have always found in it subject matter suitable to the requirements of all who seek for law and good order, and for the furtherance and maintenance of the best interests of our village. I congratulate you on the genuine success to which you have attained, and sincerely believe that to the impetus which has been given during its first year, new and forceful strength will be imparted during the succeeding years which it is destined to see, and that ultimately every citizen of our beautiful town will realize that in their local journal all his other best interests have been subserved.

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The BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN comes to us enlarged and printed in new type, presenting a very attractive appearance.—Orange Journal.

The BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN, one of our funny exchanges, has been enlarged to a seven-column folio. It is a credit to progressive Bloomfield.—Frenchtown Star.

The BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN comes to us this week in enlarged form. We congratulate our neighbor on its prosperity, as we know that it is well deserved. We often wish that the interest displayed in Bloomfield by the people toward their own paper could be transferred to Passaic.—Passaic Daily Times.

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Leave Bloomfield—6:08, 7:19, 7:59, 8:33, 9:19, 10:39, 11:39 a.m.; 12:56, 1:46, 2:35, 4:49, 5:29, 6:15, 7:05, 8:20, 9:45, 11:10 p.m.; 12:25 a.m.
Arrive Newark—6:23, 7:30, 8:10, 9:30, 10:50, 11:50 a.m.; 1:08, 1:58, 3:47, 5:00, 5:40, 6:38, 7:26, 8:37, 10:08, 11:22 p.m.; 12:34 a.m.
Arrive New York—6:30, 8:00, 8:40, 9:10, 10:00, 11:20 a.m.; 12:20, 1:40, 2:30, 4:20, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 7:55, 9:10, 10:40, 11:55 p.m.

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Leave Newark—6:40, 7:15, 7:55, 8:43, 10:03, 11:03, 11:53 a.m.; 1:13, 2:44, 4:13, 5:26, 6:03, 6:53, 7:48, 9:03, 10:38, 11:53 p.m.
Arrive Bloomfield—6:51, 7:26, 8:09, 8:58, 10:15, 11:15 a.m.; 12:05, 1:24, 2:55, 4:24, 5:04, 5:37, 6:15, 7:05, 8:00, 9:14, 10:50 p.m.; 12:04 a.m. Arrive at Glen Ridge 2 minutes later.

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Leave Bloomfield—5:38, 7:06, 7:59, 8:57, 10:56, 11:40 a.m.; 1:40, 3:51, 4:54, 6:58, 9:10, 10:08 p.m.
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